

English 9 Honors

2012-2013

Flathead High School - "It's the Pride Inside"

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Schedule:	1st Period: Prep.	Early Lunch
	2nd Period: Duty	5th Period: English 9
	3rd Period: English 9	6th Period: English 9 Honors
	4th Period: English 9	7th Period: English 10

*Mr. Stephens is available to assist students before and after school; setting up an appointment in advance is appreciated

Welcome to English! With an inquiring mind and a positive outlook, English is an unparalleled place to expand knowledge of the self and the wider world while improving skills in the English language arts.

Course Overview for English 9 Honors

The focus of this course is improving student reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. In order to achieve this goal, students will engage in a wide variety of literacy activities such as: delivering formal and informal speeches, discussing short stories, writing informative and argumentative papers, studying novels, reading independent books, and the study of conventions. This is a required 1 credit course.

English 9, Units of Study:

- Informative Speaking and Writing
- Impromptu Speaking
- Short Story
- Poetry
- Cultural Stories (Mythology and American Indian Literature)
- Persuasive Speaking and Writing
- Novel Study
- Grammar - ongoing
- Independent Reading - ongoing

Grade, Assignment, and Attendance Communication:

- Mr. Stephens' class assignment information is located on the FHS "Staff Websites" page
 - see the Kalispell School District website and select Flathead High School
 - the "Staff Websites" is in the menu bar
- PowerSchool - grade and attendance information
 - see the Kalispell School District website and select Flathead High School
 - find PowerSchool under "Quick Links"

Academic Virtues – Basic norms for every person in the classroom:

- Respect everyone
- Be open-minded

- Give your best

Grading:

- Quarter 1 (40%)
- Quarter 2 (40%)
- Semester Final (20%)
- Grading percentages:

100 - 93 A	92 - 90 A-	82 - 80 B-	
89 - 88 B+	87 - 83 B	72 - 70 C-	
79 - 78 C+	77 - 73 C	62 - 60 D-	below 60 F
69 - 68 D+	67 - 63 D		

Academic Honesty

- You must do your own work and properly cite your sources in research.
- If you submit another's work as your own or plagiarize in any way, you will receive an automatic zero for the assignment and the disciplinary procedures in the Student/Parent handbook will apply.
- Please see page 39 of the Student/Parent Handbook.

Due Dates and Late/Missing Work:

- All work is due **at the beginning** of the assigned class.
- Makeup work for excused absence: (see page 56 of the Student/Parent Handbook)
 - Length of Time for Makeup Work:
 - Absent 1 day; time to makeup work: 2 days
 - Absent 2 days; time to makeup work: 3 days
 - Absent 3 or more days: time to makeup work: 1 week
 - *the student** is responsible for keeping track of when work is due after an absence
- When submitting work following an absence, write ABSENT ON (the date) at the top of the paper
- Homework is due on the assigned date - half credit is offered for late or missing homework submitted within 24 hours
- Late Major Assignments will receive a 20% reduction for the first day late (followed by a 10% per day reduction) and a maximum of 50% if completed **by the end of the unit** - not the quarter or semester
- No credit will be given for late assignments turned in at the end of the quarter/semester
- No extra credit is available

Classroom Expectations

- Exhibit the above Academic Virtues
- Be on time to class (see tardy policy below)
- No food or drink in the classroom (only water allowed)
- Bring all required materials to class (failure to bring texts or readings to class will negatively impact your academic performance)
- Follow the Dress Code
- Raise your hand to be recognized before speaking during whole class discussions
- Put your First Name, Last Name, and Period # on every assignment

Hall Passes

- You must obtain a pass from the teacher to exit the room during class.

- The number of passes will be restricted if not used responsibly.

Tardy Policy - To be considered ON TIME you must:

- be sitting quietly in your assigned seat.
- be working on your journal or other opening assignment.
- have the required materials on your desk.
- The following is from page 58 of the Student/Parent Handbook:
 1. It is the student's responsibility to be on time for class.
 2. A student will be assigned lunch detention for each tardy after the first one. This is on a per class basis.
 3. Lunch detentions will be assigned by the teacher.
 4. If a student does not attend assigned lunch detention, a discipline referral will be written by the classroom teacher.
 5. Excessive tardiness will be referred to a school administrator for further disciplinary action.
 6. Students with valid excused late passes will not be considered tardy.
 7. Students must sign in at the Main Office attendance window upon arrival to school for any tardy."

Cell phone policy: *"Off and Out of Sight"*

- Your cell phone must be off and out of sight during class.
- If confiscated, your cell phone will be given to an administrator and must be picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Please see the following from pages 37-38 of the Student/Parent Handbook:

Progressive Discipline Chart for Cell Phone Noncompliance:

First Offense: Lunch detention and confiscation of the phone.

Second Offense: Wednesday school, loss of semester exam incentive in all classes and confiscation of the phone.

Third Offense: ISS, loss of semester exam incentive in all classes and confiscation of the phone.

Subsequent Offenses: OSS, loss of semester exam incentive in all classes and confiscation of the phone."

Required Materials: You need to bring the following on a daily basis...

- a dedicated English binder to organize your handouts, assignments, and journal
- notebook paper
- black or blue pen
- pencil

Syllabus Signature Form
Mr. Stephens
Flathead HS, 2012-2013

Please keep the above portion and only return this page.

I am aware of the guidelines and expectations for English.

Student Signature

Print Student Name

Period

Parent / Guardian Signature

Print Parent / Guardian Name

Parent / guardian phone number:

Parent / guardian email address:

Thank you.

It's going to be a great year at Flathead High School!